

REMARKS

Please reconsider the present application in view of the above amendments and following remarks.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-10 were pending in the present application. By way of this reply, claim 4 has been canceled. New claims 11-14 have been added. Claims 1-3 and 5-14 are now pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 8-11 are independent. Claims 2-7 depend, either directly or indirectly, from claim 1, and claims 12-14 depend, either directly or indirectly, from claim 11.

Claim Amendments

Claims 1, 5, and 9 have been amended by way of this reply. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations from claim 4, and claim 4 has been canceled. Claim 5 has been amended to depend from amended claim 1 instead of canceled claim 4. New claims 11-14 have been added. Claim 11 is claim 7 rewritten in independent form. Claim 12 has the limitations from claim 2, but depends from claim 11. Claim 13 has the limitations from claim 3, but depends from claim 12. Claim 14 has the limitations from claim 6, but depends from claim 11. No new matter has been added by the amendments.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 8 and 10 are allowed, and that claims 3-7 contain allowable subject matter.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 2, and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,724,543 ("Chinniah"). Claims 1 and 9 have been amended. To the extent that this rejection may still apply to the amended claims, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations from claim 4, which the Examiner indicated would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Thus, claim 1 is now in condition for allowance. Claim 2 is dependent from claim 1. Thus, claim 2 is allowable, at least for the same reasons as claim 1.

Claim 9 has been amended to incorporate the limitations from claim 4, except the references to a vehicular headlamp, as claim 9 is not limited to a vehicular headlamp. Applicant believes that with the limitations incorporated from claim 4, claim 9 is also patentable over Chinniah.

Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number

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